GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SERVICE TAX FROM ADVERTISEMENTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have lost Rs. 150 crores as 5% service tax from advertisements through television channels including Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether there is any dispute between broadcasters and advertisers that liability of service tax is on `service providers`;

(c) if so, the action taken against the officials who are responsible for this policy, which has resulted in huge losses to the Government; and

(d) the measures taken / likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.